Central Government is committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons. At present, Central intervention in secondary education is through various centrally sponsored schemes like, ICT@ schools, Integrated Education for Disabled Children and strengthening of Boarding and Hostel facilities for Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

Shortage of teachers in primary schools

1556. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether, as per a newly published report card on schools, around 9,503 primary schools across the country have no teachers while 1,22,355 schools have only one teacher each; and

(b) If so, the details thereof, indicating the action plan of Government to address this grim issue, especially in the backward States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per information collected by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA) based on District Information System For Education (DISE) for elementary education statistics, 2005-06, there are 7437 Government Primary Schools (1.12%) across the country without teachers, which are largely new schools as have already been notified but await teacher recruitment and 118395 single teacher schools (17%) in the country.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has sanctioned 184081, 83709 and 64734 teachers in Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa respectively upto 2006-07.

IIM in Goa

1557. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Management in Goa;

(b) whether the proposal is under consideration of Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of Goa has requested the Prime Minister for establishment of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Goa. The request would be considered as and when the Government of India initiates the process of setting up of new IIMs in the country.